Health Budget for Nature Cure

2221. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the health budget allotted to Nature Cure;

(b) what steps are being taken to promote Nature Cure; and

(c) how many colleges, both Government and private college are there in North India and South India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Funds allocated for Nature Cure/Yoga in comparison with funds allocated for the entire health and family welfare sectors are about 0.10%.

(b) The Government have established the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy at New Delhi and the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) at Pune for promotion of Nature Cure.

(c) Presently, there are only five colleges imparting 2 Bachelor of Naturopathic and Yogic Sciences courses of $5\frac{1}{2}$ years duration which are duly affiliatd to recognised Universities in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Enhanced Malaria eradication programme in U.P.

2222. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Enhanced Malaria Eradication Programme is being launched in the country;

(b) if so, what are the States covered under it;

(c) whether it would be an externally funded scheme;

(d) whether it is proposed to bring some districts of U.P. also under it; and

(e) if so, the names thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 100 Districts (1045 PHCs) in Seven Peninsular States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan and 19 urban towns/cities in these States and in the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are covered under the Enhenced Malaria Control project.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is being funded with a concessional credit from International Development Association (IDA), the soft window of the World Bank.

(d) and (e) No Sir. Inclusion of districts is based on technical criteria i.e. more than 2 Annual Parasite Index (API), more than 25% triabl population in a PHC and more than 30% P. falciparum incidence. However, the components like Information Education & Communication (IEC), Management Information System (MIS) and Human Resource Development will cover the entire country including Uttar Pradesh.

Zero polio cases by 2000 A.D.

2223. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleaed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the year 2000 A.D. has been fixed for attaining zero polio cases among children upto the age of five years, throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether the incidence of polio is steadily declining as per schedule and whether it would be possible to eradicate polio cases completely within the targeted date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether special efforts are being made to